

**STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**  
**June 5-7, 2018**  
Riverview Room  
Best Western Plus Hood River Inn  
1108 East Marina Way, Hood River, OR 97031

**MINUTES (Audio time stamps for reference)**

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**Tuesday, June 5, 2018 (Audio = 0:00)**

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chair Barbara Boyer. Introductions of Board members, followed by ODA staff and guest introductions.

Board members present: Barbara Boyer, Bryan Harper, Laura Masterson, Stephanie Hallock, Pete Brentano, Tracey Liskey, Luisa Santamaria, Tyson Raymond, Sharon Livingston and Director Alexis Taylor.

Others present: Mateusz Perkowski, Casey Prentiss, Isaak Stapleton, Lisa Hanson, Lauren Henderson, Stephanie Page, Jim Johnson, Helmuth Rogg, Karla Valness, Regan Coordes, Allison Coordes, Karen Lewotsky.

**Board Resolutions: discussion of process**

Chair Boyer presented a draft BOA Resolution Process and Procedure document for the Boards review and discussion. Discussion followed and suggested amendments were discussed. An updated version of the document will be discussed Thursday during Board business.

Resources:

- Draft Resolution Process 02\_2018

The board recessed for Subcommittee meetings at 5:30 pm.

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**Wednesday, June 6, 2018 (Audio = 0:00)**

The State Board of Agriculture reconvened at 8:30 am. Introductions of Board members, followed by ODA staff and guest introductions.

Board members present: Barbara Boyer, Bryan Harper, Laura Masterson, Stephanie Hallock, Pete Brentano, Tracey Liskey, Luisa Santamaria, Tyson Raymond, Marty Myers, Sharon Livingston and Director Alexis Taylor.

Others present: Andrea Cantu-Schomus, Jim Johnson, Andy Anderson, Mateusz Perkowski, Jason Barber, Lisa Hanson, Lauren Henderson, Karen Lewotsky, Jonathan Sandau, Nellie McAdams, Tammy Dennee, Isaak Stapleton, Stephanie Page, Sara Miller, Ivan Maluski, Berry

Patton, Emily AhYou, Leigh Stainken, Rebecca Tabor, Gary Wells, Kate Woods, Mike Doke, Carolyn Meece, Jo Kemper, Karla Valness, Allison Coordes

**Minutes (Audio = 2:10)**

Minutes from the February 20-22, 2018 board meeting in Salem were presented to the Board for approval. A motion was made by Tracey Liskey to approve the minutes as presented. Laura Masterson seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

**Director's report (Audio = 3:56)**

Director Alexis Taylor updated the Board on the Canola stakeholders meeting that was held in May. The next Canola stakeholders meeting will be held later this summer.

The Departments of Agriculture and Water Resources testified at a joint hearing during the May Legislative work session on Lost Valley Farm. The ODA provided an overview of the CAFO program's technical aspects and the permitting process for Lost Valley Farm.

New Department staff were introduced Andrea Cantu-Schomus, Communications Director; Isaak Stapleton, Food Safety and Animal Health Program Area Director; Gabrielle Redhead, Specialty Crop Block Grant Program Coordinator; and David Lane, Marketing Program Manager.

The ODA is working on the implementation of the Agency Strategic Plan. Each executive team member has the lead on one of the seven key objectives in the Plan. ODA will be working with a Hatfield Fellow to develop strategies and how to measure the outcomes of the strategic plan.

Director Taylor gave an update on the Director's Mission to China in May and shared that she will be participating in the USDA/WUSATA trade mission to Japan in June. We continue to monitor changes in tariffs along with issues related to the shipment of agricultural products. It has been reported that the time for containers to clear customs has changed from 2 days to 7 days and Ports are inspecting 100 percent of each container shipped.

**2019-21 ODA Proposed budget, legislative concepts, and policy option packages discussion (Audio = 24:14)**

Deputy Director Lisa Hanson and Assistant Director Lauren Henderson gave an update to the Board regarding the ODA 2019-21 proposed legislative concepts and the draft policy option packages with proposed budgets. An updated list was distributed to the Board for review and discussion.

Resources:

- ODA 2019-21 Proposed Legislative Concepts
- ODA 2019-21 Draft Policy Packages

The Board recessed at 9:45 am and reconvened at 10:00 am

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**ODA Program Director Panel (Audio = 0:46)**

ODA Internal Service and Consumer Protection Program Area Director Jason Barber provided an update to the Board on program activities and distributed a summary for the Board to review.

Resources:

- ISCP program update

**Public comment (Audio = 13:44)**

The Board heard public comment from Sara Miller, Oregon Community Food Systems Network; Larry Martin, HRVRC; Ivan Maluski, Friends of Family Farmers; Betty Patton, volunteer; Seth Tibbott, Tofurky; Emily AhYou, Humane Oregon; Leigh Stainken, HSOS; Becca Tabor, Oregon Rural Action.

**Specialty Crop Block Grant project updates (Audio = 33:46)**

Carrie Pipinich, Project Manager, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District, gave a presentation on the Specialty Crop Block Grant funded project on the Oregon Cider Industry and the work that is being done to develop the industry in Oregon.

Resources:

- Columbia Gorge Cider Industry Development

**(Audio = 45:30)**

Dr. Clive Kaiser, Project Manager, Oregon State University, gave a presentation on the Specialty Crop Block Grant funded project titled *Field Evaluation of Biofilms that Reduce Water Usage in Some Specialty Fruit Crops*.

Resources:

- Research Report on HydroShield in Apples, Cherries & Wine Grapes

**Panel discussion: Northwest fruit from the grower to the marketplace (Audio = 01:03:35)**

Ken Newman, Pine Grove Orchards; Katie Klein, Hood River Cherry Co; Erin Roby, Red Barn Orchards; Kate Woods, NW Horticulture Society gave a presentation to the Board on a variety of topics including an overview of pear production in the Hood River area, labor issues, H2A worker housing and a look at shipments and top markets by the numbers provided by the NW Horticulture Society.

Resources:

- PNW cherry and pear shipments: by the numbers

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00 pm and reconvened at 12:15 pm

### **ODA Program Director Panel (Audio = 01:58:22)**

Natural Resources Program Area Director Stephanie Page provided an update to the Board on the program activities including a summary of the programs within the Natural Resources Program Area and talk about the themes that apply across the programs and the direction they are going.

### **Tour updates (Audio = 02:18)**

The Board meeting continued in the afternoon with a tour of a Diamond Fruit Growers, Pine Grove Orchards and H2A worker housing.

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### **Thursday, June 7, 2018, Riverview Room (Audio = 0:00)**

Meeting was called to order at 8:45 am by Chair Barbara Boyer. Introductions of Board members, followed by ODA staff and guest introductions.

Board members present: Barbara Boyer, Bryan Harper, Laura Masterson, Stephanie Hallock, Tracey Liskey, Luisa Santamaria, Tyson Raymond, Marty Myers, Sharon Livingston and Director Alexis Taylor.

Others present: Isaak Stapleton, Casey Prentiss, Lauren Henderson, Lisa Hanson, Stephanie Page, Jim Johnson, Mary Ann Cooper, Jonathan Sandau, Kirk Maag, Jason Barber, Mateuz Perkowski, JR Cook, Karla Valness, Allison Coordes

### **2018 China Trade Mission update (Audio = 1:35)**

Board member Bryan Harper provided an update about his experience participating in the Oregon Trade Mission to China in May. The mission to Shanghai, China included a briefing by four of the USDA, Agricultural Trade Officers, retail tours, a China market seminar, one-on-one business meetings and a visit to the SIAL China trade show.

### **Cultivating Change Foundation (Audio = 21:11)**

Board of Directors member Kirk Maag, who grew up outside Vale, Oregon gave a presentation to the Board about the organization. The Foundation's mission is "valuing and elevating LGBT agriculturalist through advocacy, education and community." The Foundation works to ensure that every young person who is passionate about agriculture feels welcome in the industry, regardless of their sexual orientation.

Resources:

- Cultivating Change Foundation – June 7, 2018

### **Resolution #301 Minimizing conflicts of coexistence in agriculture (Audio = 1:04:14)**

The Board reviewed the updated language for Resolution #301 Minimizing conflicts of coexistence in agriculture. The review of the original resolution was worked on by the Food Safety/Marketing subcommittee and revised language was presented to the Board for review and discussion.

A motion was made by Tracey Liskey to approve the updated resolution as amended. Seconded by Marty Myers. Motion passed unanimously.

Resources:

- Resolution #301 working draft

### **Board business**

#### **Food Safety and Marketing (Audio = 1:20)**

This subcommittee reported no updates to the Board.

#### **Oregon Agriculture Heritage Program (OAHP) update (Audio = 1:21:05)**

Laura Masterson provided the Board an update on the OAHP program and the rulemaking process they are working on. Proposed rules are available and will be distributed to the Board for review. The Board will invite the OAHP to an upcoming meeting to learn more.

#### **Board business – (Audio = 1:26:17)**

The Board discussed the format and content of the Board of Agriculture Biennial Report to the Legislature due in December 2018. Discussion followed. It was noted that with the implementation of the quarterly e-newsletter that the Board has increased its communication with the Legislature highlighting the work being done throughout the year. Suggestions for the Biennial Report include a memo from the chair highlighting the work the Board has done on all resolutions or highlight resolutions on topics are more relevant to topics that may come up in the next Legislative session, summarize the content from the quarterly newsletters. A smaller report will save printing costs and staff resources.

#### **Newsletter topics – (Audio = 1:33:10)**

The Board discussed potential topics for the Summer edition of the Oregon Ag Briefing Newsletter. Possible topics include: highlights from the panel discussion on Northwest fruit from the grower to the marketplace including H2a housing regulations and why Oregon's labor needs are different and how the Board could possibly support a streamlining effort to the Federal regulations, highlights from the Cultivating Change presentation and China Trade Mission highlights from a Board member perspective.

The board recessed at 10:30 am and reconvened at 10:45 am

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The meeting was reconvened at 10:45 am by Chair Boyer (Audio = 0:00)

#### **Public comment (Audio = 0:19)**

The Board heard public comment from Mary Ann Cooper, Oregon Farm Bureau; JR Cook, Northeast Oregon Water Association.

ODA's Jim Johnson addressed questions from the Board related to the definition of co-siting. Discussion by the Board followed.

## **Board Business – Subcommittee Reports**

### **Land Use (Audio = 13:15)**

Laura Masterson led a discussion regarding the draft resolution “Siting of energy transmission and general facilities on agriculture land” discussed and prepared by the Land Use subcommittee. ODA’s Jim Johnson provided an overview of the draft resolution with the full Board and the public comment received by Les Ruark and written comments provided at the subcommittee meeting. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Tracey Liskey to approve the new resolution as drafted with minor grammatical corrections as noted. Seconded by Sharon Livingston. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion followed about sharing the Boards concerns and a copy of the new resolution with the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC).

A motion was made by Tracey Liskey for the Board to prepare a letter to the LCDC to include comments on the exception process and include support for the Morrow county issue presented in JR Cook’s public comments. The letter should also comment on the timeliness of LCDC actions on the rulemaking process on the issue of solar and requesting consideration of an emergency rule until the full rule is addressed. The letter will also include a copy of the newly approved resolution. Seconded by Laura Masterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Also, the Land Use subcommittee received an update on the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program and will be monitoring the OAHF program and rulemaking process going forward.

### **Government Relations (Audio = 30:46)**

Tracey Liskey presented Resolution #307 Farmworker Housing for action by the Board.

A motion made by Tracey Liskey to approve Resolution #307 as presented. Seconded by Stephanie Hallock. Motion passed unanimously.

Tracey Liskey presented Resolution #169 Need for Documented Agricultural Work Force for action by the Board.

A motion made by Tracey Liskey to approve Resolution #307 as presented. Seconded by Stephanie Hallock. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Natural Resources (Audio = 32:41)**

Stephanie Page presented an update on the following resolutions:

Resolution #107 Priority for Agricultural Use of Water was reviewed by the Board and action will be taken at the September meeting on the adoption of this resolution.

Resolution #309 Streamside Focus in Agricultural Water Quality Implementation the updated language was presented to the Board for action.

A motion made by Barbara Boyer to approve Resolution #309 as written. Seconded by Marty Myers. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #313 Improve water quality associated with agricultural lands and activities using outreach, assessment and prioritization of geographic areas to address the most serious water quality was presented to the Board for action.

A motion made by Stephanie Hallock to approve Resolution #313 as written. Seconded by Tyson Raymond. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #311 Agricultural Water Quality Management Program Strategic Implementation was presented to the Board for action.

A motion made by Stephanie Hallock to change the status of Resolution #311 from active to inactive. Seconded by Tracey Liskey. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #145 Fee Associated with Agricultural use of Waters of the State was presented to the Board for action.

A motion made by Stephanie Hallock to change the status of Resolution #145 from active to inactive. Seconded by Tracey Liskey. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Boyer thanked the Board for the work done by the Board over the last year and one-half to review and update all of the existing Board resolutions.

### **Resolution Process and Procedures (Audio = 42:08)**

An amended version of the draft process and procedures document was distributed for review and discussion.

The Board discussed the on-going review process so all active resolutions are schedule for review. It is estimated the Board will have 40 active resolutions when the review process is completed. A discussion followed regarding the review process. Since all resolutions have been reviewed and updated to have more longevity, the ODA proposed the following review timeline for the Board to consider. The Board would review 1/3 of the active resolutions in three years, followed by 1/3 in year four and 1/3 in year five. Discussion followed. This review schedule does not prevent the Board from reviewing an existing resolution or proposing a new resolution as necessary throughout the year.

A motion made by Tracey Liskey to approve the draft resolution process and procedures as written with the timeline of 1/3 of the resolutions reviewed over the next 3 to 5 years. Seconded by Laura Masterson. Additional discussion followed regarding the previous amendments made to the draft document.

All active Board resolutions will be posted on the ODA website.

Motion passed unanimously.

Resources:

- Draft BOA Resolution Process 06\_05\_2018

**OWEB report (Audio = 47:45)**

Laura Masterson provided an update to the Board on the April OWEB meeting in French Glen. Tour was at the Roaring Spring Ranch and all the work they are doing on their rangeland to enhance, promote and help the sage grouse. At the meeting they discussed the small grants program some of the projects include juniper reduction, water quality improvements and irrigation. Additional information on the grant programs are available from OWEB. OWEB grant program is on-line and has been well received by grant recipients. Good example of government efficiencies. Next OWEB meeting will be in Cascade Locks the end of June.

**Nominating Committee Report (Audio = 52:21)**

Tracey Liskey thanked Chair Boyer for serving as the Board chair this past year. The nominating committee of Tracy Liskey, Pete Brentano and Luisa Santamaria has recommended Tyson Raymond to serve as Chair and Marty Myers to serve as Vice-Chair for the next year.

A motion by made by Tracey Liskey to accept the recommendations. Seconded by Stephanie Hallock. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Taylor expressed thanks to Barbara Boyer for serving as the Board chair this year and all the hard work she has done.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.**

**Next meeting  
September 25-27, 2018  
North Bend, Oregon**